



**Delaware Bicycle Council
June 6, 2007
DelDOT Administration Building
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present

Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative
Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Doug Mills, New Castle County Representative
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety
John Ray, Department of Education
Rob Witsil, At-Large Representative

DelDOT Support Staff Present

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator
Tom Felice, DelDot Representative
Liddy Campbell, Administrative Assistant, DelDot
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDot

Members Absent

Fred Breukelman, Department of Public Health Rep.
Don Carbaugh, New Castle County Representative
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative
Rob Witsil, At-Large Representative
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative
Steven Bayer, DelDot Representative

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Introduction of Guests

Doug called the meeting to order and announced guest, Amy Hughes from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Doug mentioned to the Council that he really thinks incorporating a bicycle ride after the meetings is a great idea.

II. Old Business

Newsletter 2007 Update

Doug informed the Council that postcards were sent out instead of the paper newsletter this time due to time sensitive schedules. Doug thought this was a good idea because the postcard included information on how to obtain the newsletter online as well as a list of upcoming bike events.

Anthony commented that he would like another issue to go out by the end of June and asked if anyone had any articles to submit, to please get those to him as soon as possible.

Walt mentioned that he would be writing an article regarding Cape Henlopen for the next issue.

Lisa Wilson also mentioned that she would like to include an event that the State Police Troop 7 has coming up in Lewes.

Bike Month 2007

Legislators Ride

Anthony stated that the Legislators Ride was a great success. Between 75-80 people attended. The Lieutenant Governor spoke at the ceremony. Amy Wilburn received the proclamation from the Governor. Pictures of the event will be posted on the Bike Council website.

Doug suggested posting a registration form online for next year so that it makes it easier to get a better count of how many will be attending and possibly charge a small fee for the use of the return bus.

Ride of Silence

Anthony informed the group that he participated in the Sussex County ride and it went very well. 25 participants.

Ride to Work Day

Anthony mentioned that the event went very well. Seem to be getting more and more participants each year.

Website Updates

Anthony informed the Council that the Bike Council website is now available on DelDot's main Internet webpage: http://www.deldot.gov/information/community_programs_and_services/bike/

John Ray mentioned that Nemours has a link on their webpage regarding bicycle safety information: http://www.safekids.org/tips/tips_bike.htm.

Anthony suggested adding a link to our website for everyone to access.

2007 Commuter Rider Recognition

Doug commented that he would speak to Rob Witsil and get the information from him to post on the bike council website.

Delaware Cycling Maps

Anthony stated that he is still working on the Sussex County map. The beach map will be the first one printed. There will be a temporary one made for now to hand out at the bicycle checkpoints until an original is produced.

Bicycle Checkpoints Update

Anthony informed the Council about the bike safety checkpoint schedule for this year starting May 28th to July 26th.

Doug asked the council members if anyone is interested in volunteering to help at the checkpoints, to please let Anthony know. Four of the members agreed to sign up to help out.

Sussex County Trails Booklet

Walt commented that the Rotary is currently working on the booklet and should have it out soon.

Other DelDot Updates

Anthony informed the council members on two projects:

1. **Junction Breakwater Trail** – completed.
2. **Georgetown to Lewis Rail to Trail** – The plan is currently in the process of being re-developed.

III. New Business

Fourth of July Event

Terry Berl mentioned that there is an event scheduled for the 4th of July in Smyrna, which the Department of Parks and Recreation Committee will be participating in. He asked if Anthony if we could set up a booth to hand out bicycle safety materials. Anthony will advise Terry if we can get some volunteers to help out.

John Ray spoke about an event on October 12th that the DAVR will be sponsoring and suggested the Bike Council participate by setting up a bike course and possibly donating some bikes. Anthony will look into obtaining some bikes to donate and also setting up a bike course.

IV. Next Meeting – August 1st.

V. Ride

Meeting adjourned 6:00pm.